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PART III DETAILED ACTION

1) Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 2 have been considered but are deemed to be moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

2) The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kelley et al. The patent to Kelley discloses a gas lift valve including a valve seat (19) with a curved inlet portion, a smooth straight intermediate portion and a smooth outwardly tapered conical section.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shaffer. The patent to Shaffer discloses a valve seat (20) used in an oil well to include a curved inlet section (22), a smooth intermediate section (21), and a smooth outwardly tapered conical section (23).

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3) Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to KEVIN LEE at telephone number (703) 308-1025.

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